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Pursuant to the Duty of Disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, the materials listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Japanese Patent Document No. JP 57087588 A discloses a hollow tube for a heat pipe that is formed from an electrically insulating material so as to prevent deterioration of cooling performance of an electronic apparatus such as a semiconductor element. The Examiner's attention is directed to Figures 1-2, and the English Abstract.

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Japanese Patent Document No. JP 3196657 A discloses an apparatus to improve cooling efficiency comprising heat pipes coupled with heat sinks that are fixed on thermal conduction plates that communicate with thermal conduction plates in contact with ICs. The cooling plates contact all the heat sinks. Flowing fluid of high specific heat through a channel of the cooling plate adds in the thermal transfer process. The Examiner's attention is drawn to Figs. 1-4.

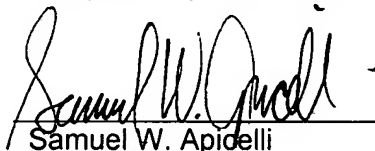
The claimed invention is patentable over the enclosed references. No representations are made regarding the references other than those set forth above.

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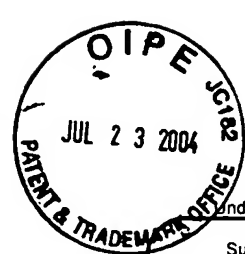
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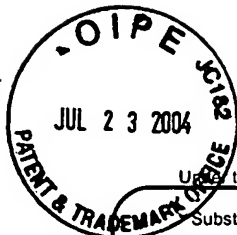
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